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Membership of the Bendigo Field Naturalists Club is open to all those interested in Natural History. The subscription rates are: Single $34; Family $40; Concession: Single $28.50; Family $34. *Whirrakee* subscription only is $34. These rates include GST.

General meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The venue for General meetings is the Golden Square Senior Citizens Building, Old High Street, Golden Square. The invited speaker at general meetings starts at 8:00pm and meetings conclude with supper.
If a workshop is held prior to the meeting, it will be advertised and it usually starts at 7.00pm.
The Annual Meeting is held in September.

Committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Members of the Committee are the Office Bearers listed above, together with the following members: Barbara Pelczynska, Bob Ruddick, Maurie Stone, Stuart Fraser.

Excursions Excursions are conducted irregularly and are advertised on the diary page of the *Whirrakee*. The assembly point for excursions is the Golden Square Senior Citizens Building, unless otherwise specified. In addition to local excursions, campouts are held several times each year, usually coinciding with long weekends or holiday periods.

The Bendigo Field Naturalists Club has two active sub-groups:

Fauna Study Group: meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Golden Square Senior Citizens Building.

Chairman: John Burtonclay, Fadersons Lane, Mandurang (5439 5710)
Secretary: Bill Holsworth, 13 Nabilla Crs., Bendigo (5443 4063)
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Bird Observers Group: meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Golden Square Senior Citizen Building.

Front Cover: Photographer: Elvyne Hogan

This beautifully tranquil scene shows the Potterwalkagee Creek at Ned's Corner Station, a property purchased last year by 'Trust for Nature'. Elvyne Hogan amongst a party of adventurers (including some club members) visited the property recently (see article on page 11).

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Whirrakee takes its name from the Whirrakee Wattle (*Acacia williamsonii*) which is virtually endemic to the Bendigo region

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Authors are responsible for the accuracy of the information they use and also for any opinions expressed in their articles.
Contributions will be included as soon as possible after they are received, although articles received more than one week after the monthly General Meeting will probably be too late for inclusion in the next issue of *Whirrakee*.
Articles in *Whirrakee* may be reproduced, but permission should be obtained from the Bendigo Field Naturalists Club, and acknowledgment should be given to the author and the Club. Some back issues are still available on request.

Editor's note
A wonderful spring edition! Full of interesting articles and planned activities for those people who want to get out there and feel the wind, the rain and the sun, hear the birds and smell the flowers! Consider attending the BFNC campout this month at Waanyarra. It should suit new members and will be a good opportunity for old and new members to share some knowledge in a relaxed atmosphere (see page 3).
On a slightly more serious note, in this month's Whirrakee,we are asking for money and commitment! Membership fees are due in September. Please note that your subscription fee includes eleven editions of the 'Whirrakee' (so it is extremely good value for money!). The Annual General Meeting also takes place this month. My sincere apologies for forgetting to include a nomination form in the last edition of Whirrakee. However, this should not stop you from making a quick decision to become more active....Nominations for committee members normally should have reached the committee by August, but we will accept nominations at the AGM, so please consider standing (see page 13).

BFNC Spring Campout at Waanyarra (near Tarnagulla)

20th - 21st September 2003

The map below shows the location.

For details of the program, please contact Maurie Stone (ph: 54477787)

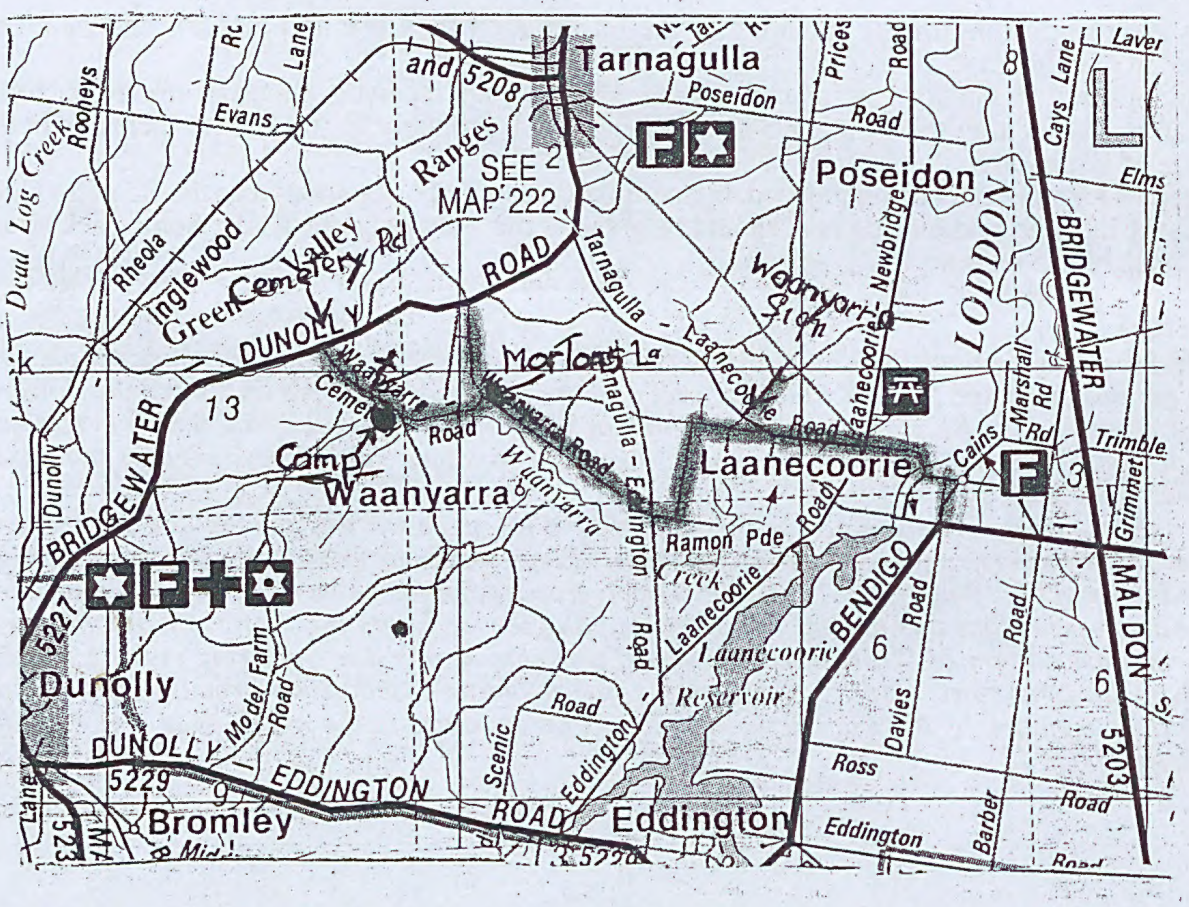
Spring Campout site

The camp site is the Waanyarra Recreation Site, only 60km from Bendigo. It is situated along the Waanyarra Cemetery Road and the various access roads from the Bridgewater-Dunolly Road and the Bendigo - Maryborough (?) Road (only the Bendigo part of the name is visible in this map) are indicated with a thick, grey line.
If you come from Laanecoorie or Dunolly Rd, turn in to Mortons Lane off Waantyarra Rd.
Waanyarra Recreation site sign on Dunolly rd at Cemetery rd turn off.

The camp ground has newly installed (National parks type) toilets, a large shelter shed, tables and benches as well as tank water, wood fire places and BBQ plates. B.Y.O. Firewood.

A relaxed atmosphere is the emphasis of this camp and the activities will be decided by the prevailing weather and the interest of the participants. They might include orchid spotting, as the place is well-known for ground orchids, or bird watching. We are particularly keen to attract new members to this camp-out and no previous knowledge of plants or animals is assumed.

Meet at the camp ground on **Saturday morning at 10am**, or else, arrive on the Friday evening and settle in for the weekend...



Recent Bird Observations

Author; Bird Observers Group

Collared Sparrowhawk (1), Big Hill Range, 5/8/03
White fronted Chat (18), Goornong-Axedale Road near Fosterville mine, 29/7/03
Crescent Honeyeater (3) Tannery Lane, Mandurang, 28/7/03, (previously only 1 bird was present)
Noisy Friarbird (several, feeding in flowering White Box (*E. albens*), Mukerry East School Rd, 13/7/03
Australian Magpie (2), Goornong, 12/7/03, both nest building, only 15m apart.

List from Wellsford Forest 13/7/03

Hooded Robin
Red rumped Parrot
Tree Martin
Jackie Winter
Yellow plumed Honeyeater
Brown headed Honeyeater
Fuscous Honeyeater
White eared Honeyeater
Yellow faced Honeyeater
Yellow tufted Honeyeater
Golden Whistler
Yellow Thornbill
Purple crowned Lorikeet

List from Kangaroo Gully 6/8/03

Eastern Spinebill
Crested Shrike tit
White browed Babbler
White naped Honeyeater
Fuscous Honeyeater
Yellow faced Honeyeater
Noisy Friarbird
White throated Treecreeper

Erratum (July *Whirrakee*)

An error crept into the Tasmanian Tiger article of last month's edition. In the reference list, the book referred to as 'The thylacine - Tasmanian Tiger' by Joan Dixon (1991), is in fact called 'The thylacine - Tasmania's Tiger'. This difference meant apparently a great deal to the book's author according to Clive Fisher who wrote the article.

Clive also alerted me to an omission on page 5 (now added in italics).
"The statement, 'the last wild one was shot in 1930' is erroneous, because plaster casts of definite thylacine footprints were taken from mud in the Jane River area south-east of Frenchman's Cap by members of an expedition searching for the thylacine *in 1939*.
(without the year, this sentence was confusing).

I would be interested to find out if the title page stirred up any particular emotions in our readers. It certainly did something to me...

Fire Management in and around Bendigo

by Sabine Wilkens

Brett Wagstaff, from DSE, gave a short presentation during the August General Meeting about the district's **Fire Protection Plan**. This is a plan that indicates strategic zones of burning to protect assets and property.

Brett explained that from this plan the **Fire Operations Plan** is generated, and this plan actually lists specific burns for the next 3 years (but , in fact, it may take up to 10 years to implement it). Burns listed on this F.O.P. include ecological burns but are primarily fuel reduction burns.
Some areas around Bendigo that are targeted include a strip east-west across the Whipstick forest, Guy's Hill Road, Sedgwick and Kimbolton.

The club has many concerns with regards to some of the planned burns and fire management in general. For example,

• why is housing development allowed so close to the forest, which subsequently must be burned to reduce risk to the houses that have sprung up?

• The Whirrakee Wattle is not resistant to fire and the planned strip across the Whipstick appears to go through a stronghold of this very localised wattle. Might a fire there cause local decimation of Bendigo's own wattle?

• weed invasion after an autumn burn increases the fuel load in the following year rather than decreasing it.

• some burns are planned in the spring which is the nesting season for most birds.

Brett left the plan with the club and wants to hear from anybody who has information about flora, fauna or other issue that make a currently planned burn unacceptable. Judging by the questions and statements by the audience that night, there might be a few objections coming his way....

Please contact the secretary, Bill Holsworth, if you would like to view the plan and want to make some comments to DSE about it.

August General Meeting
Speaker Neville Rosengren - 'Recognition and conservation of sites of geological significance'

by Sabine Wilkens

I had the pleasure of introducing Neville Rosengren, who is a friend and an esteemed colleague at LaTrobe University, Bendigo. It was just as well that there was a lot to say in the introduction. A gremlin had got into the computer just before the start of the show and while I was telling the audience about some of Neville's involvements in cataloguing sites of geological significance, he was able to catch his breath after a frantic effort to rescue his presentation....

Neville then started by telling us that there is federal and state legislation to protect fauna and flora of significance but that there is no equivalent legislation protecting sites held dear by earth scientists. If a certain rock type is quarried away (e.g. the gravel at White Hills) or a significant road cutting is blasted, there is no way it can be brought back.

One way of identifying sites of geological significance is by carrying out systematic inventories and it is through these that Neville has travelled the whole state and beyond. Inventories he has been involved in cover the Victorian coast, the alpine region and the volcanic provinces.

Early in his career, in the 1970s, Neville was involved in an inventory directed by the then Department of Conservation. He was covering the Lake District, Gippsland, Wilson's Prom, Portland, the Western Region, Lorne, Eastern Victoria, ACT and Kosciuszko National Park.
The survey that was the most enjoyable and interesting was an investigation of the geological/ scientific significance of six Victorian lighthouse reserves, Cape Nelson, Cape Otway, Cape Schank, Wilson's Prom, Point Hicks and Gabo Island. Another survey close to Neville's heart covered the eruption points of the newer volcanic province of Victoria. Finally, one of the more recent ones include the Box-Ironbark inventory conducted in 1997.

Geologically or scientifically significant sites are any that represent features or areas which display definitive, representative or outstanding examples of mineral, rocks, fossils, structure or land forms,

and are used in teaching and/or research by the earth science community.

Some terrific geological inventories were conducted in the 19th century by people out in the field for months at a time. The first step in designing an inventory today is then to consult those old descriptions, followed by the close study of current geological maps. The next step is then to make up a wish list of geological features you would like to see illustrated in the landscape.
Road and mine cuttings are fertile grounds. Such significant sites may illustrate a geological component, e.g. a rock type, or a geological process of the past (faulting, diversion of the Murray) or the present (effect of Marram grass on shape and mobility of active dunes).

Walking on the upper layers of the earth, people cannot have any idea of the often 'tortured' earth beneath a gentle landform, unless this earth is exposed in certain places. The metamorphic rise at Big Hill is a wonderful example.
Scientifically significant sites do not have to be old. For example a landslide at Mt Buffalo in 1997 exposed a large area of underlying rock and created an instant site of significance.

Once a site is identified, it is rated on a scale ranging from local to international significance. For example, a meandering river and left-over evidence of previous river courses may be of local significance, whereas the Permian-aged glaciated pavement at Lake Eppalock is of international significance.

Some significant sites may be visually appealing to the general public but others may only be appreciated by the geoscience community.
Sites of geological or geomorphological significance are not necessarily places of outstanding scenery. These value judgements must be kept out of the rating system as they are far too subjective. Indeed, what is a scenic site? One that looks great from the distance or one that provides great scenery when standing in it and looking into the distance? Although initially scientists tried to include a 'scenic category' when evaluating sites, this idea was later abandoned as it was found to be too subjective.

An example were the word 'scenery' is mentioned a great deal is the wind turbine project at Cape Bridgewater. Neville was involved in assessing the sites proposed for the turbine installation for geological significance. In this area there are very interesting features of significance indeed, e.g. ancient dune soils that include aboriginal artefacts and limestone caves, geological sequences displaying volcanic sequences, calcareous, tubular features resembling petrified plant material and a Karst landscape caused by the underlying limestone strata.

After assessing the proposed locations for the turbines in relation to these sites, Neville found that the turbines could be placed at certain sites, and, if strict instructions during the building process were followed (no flattening of hilltops, no truck movement in the rain etc.), the geological sites of significance were not endangered by the project.
Although Neville may well have his own views on the turbine project at Cape Bridgewater, this inventory is a good example of the distinction between sites of scenic and scientific significance.

Neville is renowned for his superb visual presentations and this talk was no exception. He managed to rescue two thirds of his original presentation and I was asked afterwards, when will he come back and present the rest???
I hope soon, but next year at the latest.....

*****Weed Spotters Wanted!*****

To tackle potential, new and emerging weeds more effectively, the Department of Primary Industry (DPI) is developing a Weed Alert Rapid Response Plan for the State. One of its initiatives is to develop a network of weed spotters to report new weeds.

Weeds might be found in paddocks, on roadsides, in National Parks, at nurseries or the local fete or market.

To become a volunteer Weed Spotter in Victoria, send your contact details to Kate Blood at DPI, PO Box 7, Beaufort 3373 or email: Kate.Blood@dpi.vic.gov.au

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Land for Wildlife properties open to visitors

Have you ever noticed a green diamond-shaped Land for Wildlife sign on a property gate and wondered what it meant? Here's your chance to find out about the Land for Wildlife scheme and what it offers to landholders.

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary scheme that aims to encourage and help private landholders to provide habitats for wildlife on their property, even though the property may be managed primarily for other purposes. The scheme can offer you advice, written information, field days, property visits and a Land for Wildlife sign to acknowledge the efforts being made by the landholder.

The Land for Wildlife Open Property Scheme has been designed to give landholders the opportunity to be in contact with like-minded people and a chance to share in their ideas and experiences. The properties range from small to large, bush blocks to farms, and are just a small sample of the more than 5800 properties involved in the scheme.

There are ten properties open across Victoria during September. Come along to one or more of these properties and learn about nature conservation on private land and how the Land for Wildlife program can help you.

In central Victoria, there are two properties open during September:

• **Franklinford. Sunday 21st September, 10am to 2pm.** This 162ha property near Newstead includes 1km of frontage along Jim Crow Creek. Approx. 15km south of Newstead, VicRoads map 59, C5.
There are great remnants of vegetation along the creek and on the surrounding slopes and ridges. Come and hear about the owners' experiences in restoring and protecting habitats on their land. The day will include a bird survey and we'll hear from a bird expert, Dr Jim Radford. There will also be a talk on a threatened plant species, the Hairy Anchor Plant, and how local landholders can help protect this species, including how to obtain grants. Tea and coffee and a BBQ lunch will be provided.
For more details, phone Pam Clunie on 5430 4363 or Shaun Burke on 5430 4368.

• **Mt Hooghly, Sunday 28th September, 10am to 1pm.** Entry off Dunolly-Avoca Rd, approx 9km from Dunolly, VicRoads map 43, C8.
This large ex-grazing property is home to a number of woodland birds. The owners are undertaking a large revegetation project to enhance the existing remnants and replant cleared areas. We'll hear about habitat improvement, planning and revegetation techniques. Tea and coffee provided.
For more details, phone Geoff Harvey on 5495 1700 or 0417593250.

For more information about the Land for Wildlife program or the eight other properties open across Victoria, please phone Pam Clunie, the Statewide Coordinator, on 5430 4363.

The Franklinford property

****INGLEWOOD WILDFLOWER SHOW****

Date: Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September

Time: 10am to 4pm both days

Place: Inglewood Town Hall

Cost: a gold coin

There will be some native plants and original, handmade wildflower stationery for sale. Also, the four BFNC publications still in print will be available for purchase..

As the Bendigo Field Naturalists Club and Bendigo Native Plant Group are not putting on a Wildflower Show this year, why not head further afield and check out Inglewood's Wildflower Show?
I will be going up on the Thursday to help Marj May and her enthusiastic team to set up the display of indigenous and non local native plants. If you can contribute any fresh specimens from your garden or bush block, please contact me as I could pick up bucketsful of flowers on my way up to Inglewood.

If you are able to go up to see the Wildflower Show you could make a whole day of it and visit the under-rated Kooyoora State Park.

Anyone interested in spending an hour on the door could phone Marj on 5438 3410 or just offer your services once you are there. It's always good to have a few extra people knowledgable about native plants hanging around at such an event to enthuse the general public, and promote the benefits of belonging to a Field Naturalists Club. Hope to see some of you there,

Frances Cincotta
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natives@newstead.vicmail.net

Portland Field Naturalists' Camp Inc Spring Campout 2003

Venue – Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp 10 - 12th October 2003

Members of the Portland Field Naturalist' Club Inc are delighted to invite fellow field naturalists affiliated with the VFNCA to attend the Spring Campout to be hosted by our club on Friday October 10th through to Sunday the 12th 2003.

Venue facilities and accommodation will be located at the Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp overlooking magnificent Bridgewater Bay near Portland.
It is envisaged that a number of activities will be on offer including field trips to look at our wonderful spring wildflowers and terrestrial orchids, as well as trips to view the nearby seal colony at Cape Bridgewater, Mt Richmond National Park, Cape Nelson State Park, Swan Lake – Discovery Bay Coastal Park, as well as the Australian Gannet colony at Point Danger and some of our wonderful scenery.

Activities
Saturday 11th October 2003
- Full day orchid tour:
  Trip to Bridgewater Lakes, Mt Richmond National Park and Swan Lake
- Full day coastal tour:
  Trip to Cape Nelson and Point Danger Gannet colony.
- Half day coastal tour:
  Trip to view seal colony – Cape Bridgewater
- Half day coastal tour:
  Trip to Bridgewater Lakes – Discovery Bay

Sunday 12 October 2003
- Half day coastal tour:
  White's Beach – Discovery Bay
- Half day coastal tour:
  Seal colony – Cape Bridgewater
- Half day coastal tour:
  Freshwater springs and blowholes – Cape Bridgewater
- Sunday lunch – Mt Richmond National Park summit

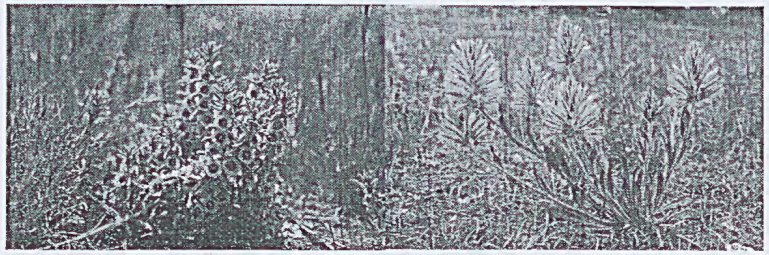
To register for what promises to be a memorable campout please fill out the booking and personal record forms (see pages 12 and 13 in the July *Whirrakee)*
A finalised schedule of event will be sent to all clubs six weeks prior to the campout.

WILDFLOWER WALKS ON THE PATHO PLAINS

Guest speakers include: Josh Dorrough, Paul Foreman, Ian Lunt & Mark Tscharke

Friday 3rd October 2003
Visit the *Patho Plains Grasslands including* Glasson's Grassland, purchased by Trust for Nature to protect its biodiversity, including the nationally threatened Swainson Peas & Chariot Wheels; and Andrew Bails' property which has a wonderful herbland with lots of rare wildflowers.
Where: Meet at Glasson's Grassland at the corner of Whitfield and Aird Roads (off the Echuca Mitiamo Road)
When: 10am
What: BYO lunch, mug and chair.
To book: Contact Elvyne Hogan 5435 3933 (elvyneh@tfn.org.au) or Deanna Marshall 54304367 (deanna.marshall@dse.vic.gov.au).

Saturday 4th October 2003
An opportunity to see the *Terrick Terrick National Park Grasslands* in full spring colour and hear about its management. See wonderful rare wildflowers and animals that inhabit these Northern Plains Grasslands.
Where: Meet outside the Mitiamo Pub
When: 10am
What: BYO lunch, mug and chair (tea & coffee provided)
To book: Contact Deanna Marshall 5430 4367 (deanna.marshall@dse.vic.gov.au) or Mark Tscharke 5450 3951 (mtscharke@parks.vic.gov.au).



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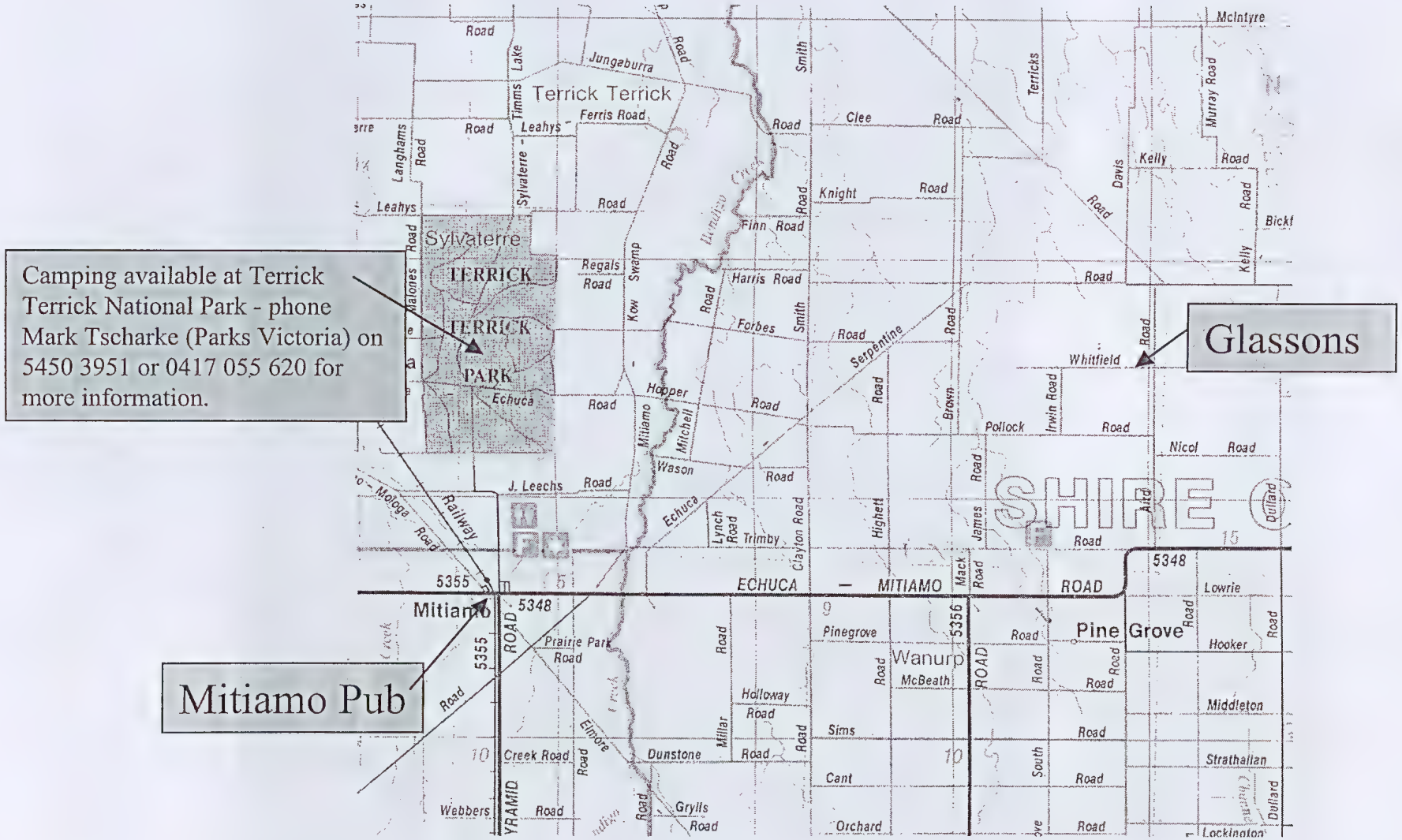

Upcoming events: Korrak Korrak Grassland Field Day in late October - contact Elvyne Hogan 5435 3933

Ned's Corner Station

Author: Elvyne Hogan, Regional Manager, Trust for Nature

Recently a number of Trust for Nature (TfN) covenantors and supporters visited Ned's Corner Station for a few days to enjoy the wonderful environment on this 30,000 hectares (74,000 acres) of habitat on the Murray River, 80 km west of Mildura.

Trust for Nature purchased Ned's Corner Station, the largest privately held landholding on the Murray River, in December last year.

Although it is a long way to go for a weekend (about 500 km from my place) it is easy driving with interesting stops to make along the way (such as Wathes Flora and Fauna Reserve where I saw my first Mallee Fowl!).

Seventeen of us converged on Ned's over the first weekend in July and were warmly welcomed by the delightful young couple, Murray and Dana, who have volunteered to keep an eye on the property in return for their accommodation. Four people opted to sleep in the Shearers' quarters, which had heaters, while the rest of us camped on the bank of the river and enjoyed the views of magnificent old Red Gums and pelicans gliding across the water (see photo below).

On the Friday, we walked along the riverbank toward the Murray Sunset National Park with Kathleen Ralston looking for lichens. Not many along the river but we found a few once we got into the Black Box Chenopod woodland.

Dana joined us and was fascinated by Kath's descriptions and keen to learn more (see photo below). Unfortunately in her enthusiasm to find more lichens for Kathleen the next day she got bogged on the plains!

We returned to camp to welcome the Lands and Moors arrival and spent the evening around a campfire with wood provided by Murray from cleaning up old trees near the homestead. With these keen birdos we set off next day to meander down Potterwalkagee Creek which had lots of waterbirds to keep us entertained so progress was slow. The most exciting event was Glen hearing an Owlet Nightjar in a magnificent old Black Box with lots of hollows.

On Sunday we headed towards the old homestead site as Glen wanted to find the Chestnut-crowned Babblers. There were also some tips Rob was keen to explore for old car parts. Andrew and Fay, grassland covenantors from Kotta, had found some fat-tail geckoes there so the rest of us were keen to see them. Glen didn't manage to see any Babblers but the Lands, who walked in the opposite direction, found them along the river.

A very enjoyable time was had by all with perfect weather, beautiful surroundings, good company and lots of interesting plants and birds to observe. All of us are determined to return and contribute in some way to surveying and/or maintaining this wonderful property. The Trust is keen to involve the community in looking after Ned's Corner so anyone who would like to visit – especially if you can contribute to finding out more about the flora and fauna on the property – is very welcome. Just contact TfN on the number below.

If you would like to help support the purchase of Ned's Corner Station please contact our office on 1800 99 99 33.

Editor's note:
There will be more on Ned's Corner Station project in the next issue. In the meantime, you might like to look up the TfN website.....

ABC - Nominations for the 2003-2004 BFNC committee

If you have not stood for the committee previously, consider Bill Holsworth's quote of a chinese immigrant Bill once met in Canada who spoke to him about his endeavours in his adopted country:

A is for becoming accepted (BFNC members are accepted already)
B is for belonging (we hope that this will come with time but a sense of belonging is greatly increased by your involvement with the Club)
C is for contributing (this could be done by joining the committee).

In readiness for the Annual General Meeting, nominations for office bearers are called for now. Nominations were due in August, but will still be accepted on the night of the AGM. There are many vacancies for the executive, committees and sub-committees which need to be filled with eager volunteers. Please consult the inside front page for the types of positions available and consider standing for one of them.

Bendigo Field Naturalists Club – Nomination Form

I,.....nominate

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for the position of

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Seconded by.....

Bendigo Field Naturalists Club Inc.
Guest Speaker Syllabus for General Meetings 2003
Second Wednesday 8:00 pm

Please check each **WHIRRAKEE** for additional events or changes.
If a workshop is planned, it will start at 7:00pm. The speaker will be introduced at 8:00 pm.
If there is no workshop, the general meeting will start at 7:30pm, with the speaker being introduced at 8:00pm.

Date - 2001	Topic	Speaker
September 10	AGM: 'Ups & downs of BFNC's Conservation campaigns'- A biased and selective Report Card of some of our Club's activities.	
October 8	'Classification of Threatened Fauna in Victoria - definition & assessment of 'Threatened Fauna'; what it means to be on the list.'	Peter Menkhost (Arthur Rylah Institute)
November 12	'The importance of Environmental Flows in rivers, streams and wetland areas.'	Paul Sinclair (Environment Victoria)
December 10	Christmas Dinner 'Birds of the Box-Ironbark Forest'	Chris Tzaros

Diary

The General, Bird Observers Group and Fauna Study Group meetings are held at the Golden Square Senior Citizens Building, Old High Street, Golden Square, unless otherwise indicated.

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.):
'Ups & downs of BFNC's Conservation campaigns'- A biased and selective Report Card of some of our Club's activities.

Bird Observers Group
This group meets (in the clubrooms) on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Please confirm with Kerrie Norris (ph 54478017)

Fauna Group
This group meets (in the clubrooms) on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on:

Wednesday, September 2 7.30pm
A.G.M. and *Show and Tell*
(Dead or alive, animal, mineral or vegetable)
Participants are invited to bring along something relevant to fauna, that interests them to share and discuss.

BFNC Spring Campout at Waanyarra (near Tarnagulla)

20th - 21st September 2003

map of location is on page 3.

Please contact Maurie Stone for further details (ph: 54477787)

Some Spring in the Bendigo Bush Activities in which the Bendigo Field Naturalists Club is involved.
The full (and very interesting) program is available at the Discovery Centre.

Thursday, September 4 7.00pm
Rob and Cynthia Watkins are presenting a slide show on birds, mammals and plants of the Box-Ironbark forest.
Location: BFNC clubrooms.

Saturday, September 13 2.00pm
Nature walk at Faugh-a-Ballagh Reserve.
Please book with 'Discovery bookings' (ph. 54438255) and you'll be given the meeting point for this walk.

Friday, September 19 7 - 9.00pm
Saturday, September 20 2.00pm
Kennington Reservoir - Biology and Recreation
Enjoy and evening of information on Friday with slides and other live presentations at the Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street. On Saturday, follow it up with the guided walks to extend your knowledge. Saturday's session will include billy tea and bush tucker for which there will be a small charge.

Sunday, September 28 1.30pm
Wildflower Walk in the Whipstick
Meet at Shadbolt picnic area. BYO snack and drink.

Sunday, October 5 11 - 4.00pm
Picnic/Nature Walk in the Wellsford Forest, Bendigo Regional Park.
Bring your lunch and eat it before walking through the forest.

Friday, September 19
Saturday, September 20

Inglewood Wildflower Show

10am - 4pm both days (see page 8 for details)

Wildlife Rescue & Information Network Inc.
W.R.I.N. is an organisation dedicated to the care of orphaned, sick or injured native animals.
It is fully endorsed by the Dept of Natural Resources and Environment.
Please call our Emergency Number for Help for Fauna in Need. Phone: 0419 356433.